

PORTSMOUTH.

AFFAIRS IN GENERAL

Succinct Statement of News Events. Stripped of Much of the Details.

YESTERDAY'S NEWS BRIEFLY RECORDED

Short Paragraphs Personal and Otherwise—Accounts of Events Interesting to Every Reader—Topics Discussed on the Streets and in Offices and Homes.

To-morrow will be Christmas Eve. Water street is in a deplorable condition.

There were no courts in session yesterday. The days have commenced to lengthen.

It began to look more like business last night.

Justice Sykes is still sick at his home, in the county.

The mail train was over an hour late last night.

Justice Nash will return from Baltimore this morning.

The Southern Pines were opened for the season yesterday.

The county Court will adjourn for the term to-morrow.

Justice Niemeyer presided at the Mayor's Court yesterday.

The road leading to the city will be completed in a few days.

The torpedo boat Winslow was towed to the yard yesterday.

Deputy Sheriff Hancock, of Warwick, was in the city yesterday.

The Maynard-MacDonald company failed to show up last night.

The small boy does not seem to take to the tin horn much this year.

There is an interesting article in today's issue about the Merrimack.

There will be a sunrise meeting at Central church Christmas morning.

Guernsey Ried was picked up last night crazy drunk and was locked up.

There was an excursion over the Atlantic and Danville railroad yesterday.

The railroad clerks were allowed one-half of their pay yesterday for December.

Mr. Wm. Stroud, editor of the Southampton Democrat, was in the city yesterday.

Three new shipkeepers were put to work yesterday on the torpedo boat Winslow.

The streets are in a dreadful condition. Some of them are almost impassable.

Mr. John C. Niemeyer sold the household and kitchen furniture of W. J. Brent yesterday.

The market will be kept open all day to-day and to-morrow, but it will not be open on Saturday.

Master Harry Brinkley is at home from the Virginia Military Institute to spend the holidays.

The employees here paper next Sunday. The employees being allowed a holiday on Christmas Day.

The meeting at the Friends' church seems to have just taken on new life and started afresh.

The members of the Legislature from this city and county returned home last night for the holidays.

There is an absence of evergreen in front of the stores this year, due, perhaps, to the bad weather.

The rain has made the merchants look blue, especially those who had in large stocks for Christmas.

One of the Southern Bell telephones was put in the county jail yesterday. They now have both 'phones.

The military will not go to Richmond to the inauguration because there will be no military escort whatever.

Col. E. L. Feltz, who has been visiting in the city, will leave for his home, in Southampton county, today.

Miss Naemie Woodin Scull, of Harrellsville, N. C., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. H. Flythe, in King street.

Charles Rives was sent to the county jail yesterday for ten days for obtaining money under false pretences.

A white man under the influence of liquor fell last night and hurt himself. He was carried to jail to sober off.

Three safe blowers were brought in last night on the Norfolk and Carolina railroad and were taken to Norfolk.

A negro woman named Maria Cuffee was fined \$5 yesterday by Justice Niemeyer for disorderly conduct on Hart street.

The members of Central church will have their pound reception to-night at their church for the benefit of the poor of the church.

The newboys from this city are invited to a dinner in Norfolk, that will be given the newboys of that city on Christmas Day.

Attention is called to the advertisement of W. N. White, in which he says he can help you get your Christmas presents for your year.

The number of prisoners in the county jail have been greatly reduced; in fact, there are less than was ever known at this season of the year.

In this issue Mr. R. M. Diggs offers for sale his house, in Cottage Place, containing five rooms, city water, etc. For particulars see advertisement.

In this issue Mr. John A. Codd & Bro. advertise spice beef, lamb, mutton, choice roast beef and roast pigs for Christmas. See their advertisement.

Mr. Dickerson, superintendent of the Portsmouth railway, is much better and was on the streets for a short while yesterday. He will soon resume his duties.

A negro named J. A. Patterson was arrested yesterday and was turned over to the Norfolk authorities, where he is wanted for stealing a silver watch valued at \$30.

Constable Harry Hall arrested a negro in Smoky Town yesterday named Rodger Rider, on the charge of drawing a revolver and threatening to kill another negro. He was lodged in jail to await an examination.

A number of small boys are in the habit of shooting cannons on the street in direct violation of the ordinances. The police have been instructed to arrest all such. So, boys, you had better be careful and not get in trouble.

The Rev. P. H. Martin preached his closing sermon last night of the revival which has been in progress at the South Street Baptist church. Pastor Mitchell says that he is well satisfied with the results which have attended the meeting.

The Maynard-MacDonald company gave their last performance last night in this city at Elks' Opera House. It is to be regretted that these people did not receive better support on their second

NOTICE.

Owing to the heavy pressure of adds a greater portion of the Portsmouth local will be found on the 6th page.

and visit here. The company is a good one and deserve to prosper.

The Norfolk County School Trustees have decided to buy eight lots on Elm street, in Prentiss Place, for the purpose of building a schoolhouse there next spring. The school will continue at the present place, South street, until the new schoolhouse is built.

The flagship New York, with Admiral Seward on board, arrived yesterday off Port Monroe, in Hampton Roads. She was preceded by the Indiana and Terror.

Admiral Seward will await the assembling of the North Atlantic squadron in the Roads within a few days.

To-day will be the last day that you can contribute anything to the poor through the Benevolent Christian Union. The ladies will be at their rooms all day and will be glad to receive clothing, provisions, toys, books or anything you may see fit to donate.

Two countrymen from North Carolina said yesterday that there was a number of suspicious looking negroes and tramps all along the road, and they believed that but for the fact that a number of them traveled together that they would have been attacked by these men.

Attention is called to the advertisement of the Seaboard Air Line, in which they announce that the freight warehouse of that line will be closed every Sunday, and that no perishable or live stock will be received after Thursday at 4 p. m., until Monday, the 27th, at 7 a. m.

Mr. R. L. Summers and bride, who have been touring in the West, arrived here from Cincinnati by the Chesapeake and Ohio road yesterday for the purpose of spending the holidays, after which they go to Boston, Mass., their future home. Mr. and Mrs. Summers are stopping at 525 High street.

THE CHARTER COMMITTEE.

The above committee held another meeting Tuesday night, but as one of the members said yesterday, did little towards formulating a report. Various matters were discussed, but no conclusions were arrived at.

The matter of changing the mode of electing policemen was buried forever, so far as the committee could do so.

The same gentleman said he saw no reason why the Council should represent the 25th instant to hear the committee's report, as they would have no report to make except to lay the matters discussed, such as the veto power, Fifth Ward proposition and some other few matters, before the Council and let them settle the question themselves.

There are some few changes, he thought, to be recommended, but the bulk of them would never go through.

A NOVEL ENTERTAINMENT.

The High School of this city will close to-day with a novel entertainment. They have built a chimney out of box tops, and made them to represent bricks. Out of this chimney old Santa Claus will come with a present for each scholar, which will be hung in a tree, and as the names are called each one is expected to recite a verse of some kind appropriate to the occasion, some of these goods will afford much amusement. The children anticipate a big time.

For Other Local See Sixth Page.

Silver-Trimmed Cane and Umbrellas. Charles R. Welton & Co.

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Office of the Forwarding Agent, Portsmouth, Va., Dec. 23, 1897.

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